



## ST MICHAEL'S NEWSLETTER

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### FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

*"He cured many who were sick."*  
Mark 1:34



**6.00pm Polly Aureli RIP**  
**8.30am Tom McGaugh RIP**  
**10.30am People of the Parish**

Mon. 6<sup>th</sup>. **St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**  
9.30am Pauline O'Connor RIP

Tues. 7<sup>th</sup>. Weekday  
9.30am. Clare De Maria RIP

Wed. 8<sup>th</sup>. Weekday  
9.30am. Diane Tate-Bell RIP

Thur. 9<sup>th</sup>. Weekday  
9.30am Fr John Sheehy RIP

Fri. 10<sup>th</sup>. **St Scholastica, Virgin**  
9.30am. Fr Charles Slaughter RIP

Sat. 11<sup>th</sup>. Weekday  
9.30am Michael Taylor RIP  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.0-10.30am, 5.15 - 5.45pm*

### 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>. February Sixth Sunday of the Year

6.00pm Deceased relatives  
of David and Eliza Roche RIP  
8.30am Ann and Carmelo Schifano RIP  
10.30am Well-being of Shirley Amos

#### Anniversaries: Please pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

Edward Ormston, Peter Cunningham, Joyce Margetts,  
Patrick Gordon, Bernard Moulson, Helmut Jaklitsch,  
Peggy Donelan, Dorothy Ashurst, Edward Cleere,  
Hubert Fitzgerald

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Peter Thursfield, Fred King,  
Jennifer Thompkinson, Marie Bliss, David O'Connell,  
Michael Machese, John Fulton, Rachel Fulton,  
Rebecca Fulton, Monica McAllister, Eileen Shepherd,  
Cora Cox, Peter Cavaglieri, Margaret Cleere  
and all who need our prayers.

#### From today's Gospel reading:

Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever.  
They immediately told Jesus about her.  
He approached, grasped her hand and helped her up.  
Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

#### Reflection:

The story of Peter's mother-in-law's sickness is a family concern. Jesus' touch, the healing and the woman's return to full life take place at home. The well being of the family is of concern to Jesus. The gospel is encouraging because it reflects Jesus' involvement in what immediately concerns us. Sooner or later, like Peter and Andrew, we invite Jesus to our own home and, like Peter, invite him to address what concerns us there.

#### So we ask ourselves:

- What issues in our family concern us?
- Shall we invite Jesus into our home and ask him to stretch out his hand?

**TODAY we celebrate Education Sunday** when we pray for students, their teachers and all those involved in education. We will focus on St Andrew's our local Catholic Secondary School. (Congratulations to them on the GCSE results this year.) There will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service.

**Small Groups for Lent.** Please consider joining one. There are sign-up sheets in the porch.

**World Day of Prayer for the Sick.** This is next Saturday, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

**The next Charity Bridge Drive** will be held in the hall on Tuesday (7th Feb) at 7.30. The Charity is "Home for Hearts", a charity where holiday home owners put their spare weeks to good use, i.e. giving families who suffer from a life limiting illness a holiday". If you would like to come please ring Karin Rogers on 01372 813581

**BINGO** On Wednesday (8<sup>th</sup>.February) it is our friendly Bingo session in the hall. It starts at about 2.15pm. Do come along, you will enjoy it.

#### Christian Aid Coffee and Cake Sale

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 10-12noon, St George's Café. We would welcome your presence and/or your cakes, fruit tarts etc; It is straight after the Men's Breakfast, so any man returning home without a cake for his wife will be in big trouble! Please phone Pat for any more information on 274498.

**"Who is my neighbour?"** We are lucky at St Michael's to have a friendly and vibrant parish community. But recently, there are always new faces and it's good to have an opportunity to share a word and a smile. At the end of the 6.00pm Mass on Next Saturday (11<sup>th</sup>. February), there will be coffee or tea in the porch at the back of the church and it would be good if everyone could stay just for five minutes to meet someone they don't already know. The Parish team will all be there to welcome and to hear and share ideas."

**Laudate Hymn Books.** We are planning to buy some supplements but only have 160 books. *If you have one at home could you bring it back* so we can work out how many supplements to order.

**Monthly CAFOD Collection.** Normally we would have a retiring collection in January for CAFOD but we have postponed it to take advantage of a government scheme to match donations pound for pound which will run from Mid-February to mid-May. So please save up and make a double donation in February. We will announce the date shortly.

**What has Christianity ever Done for Us? - Men's Breakfast - Saturday 11 February**

That's the challenge guest speaker Nick Spencer will be responding to at our February meeting at St George's Christian Centre next Saturday (11 Feb). Nick, who lives in Epsom, is research director at the leading Christian think-tank Theos and this promises to be a fascinating talk with plenty of opportunity for open discussion. Breakfast kicks off with bacon sarnies at 8am and all are very welcome. For more information, please contact Tony McDougal (Tel: 818221)

**The First Annual (Diocesan) Gathering for Support of the Bereaved:** On Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a morning session for anyone involved in bereavement support in their parishes. It will be an opportunity to meet others currently working in this ministry and to share good ideas, develop a support network and to have some input on supporting those affected by death by suicide. All welcome.

To book please contact [katherine.bergin@dabnet.org](mailto:katherine.bergin@dabnet.org) 01293651152 or [rosie.read@dabnet.org](mailto:rosie.read@dabnet.org) 01293651161

**Women's World Day of Prayer** – will be held in St George's on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 10.30am. The service this year has been arranged by the women of Malaysia. All welcome. If there are any ladies from Malaysia who would like to come and take part in the service, please contact Caroline King Tel: 277140

**Epsom Book Fair.** Epsom Methodist Church is again holding this event for charity. The sale includes DVDs and Music as well as books. You can take your donations anytime between 9.0am and 8.0pm from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> to Monday 13<sup>th</sup>. February. The sale itself, with everything sorted in to categories, is on Thursday and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. February from 10.0am to 8.0pm and on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>. From 10.0am until 4.0pm. Every year this is a great event.

**Barn Dance** led by the Hersham Revellers at the Peace Memorial Hall on Friday 16th March. Tickets (to include fish and chip supper) cost £12.50. Details of where to obtain them can be found on a poster in the porch. Funds raised will be used for refurbishment of the APMH.

**Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 26 July – 3 August 2012**

Application forms are available in the Parish Office or from the Pilgrimage Office and can be downloaded from the Lourdes website [www.ablourdes.org](http://www.ablourdes.org). Pilgrims requiring an level of medical, nursing or carer assistance should contact the Pilgrimage Office, School Lane, Storrington, West Sussex RH20 4LL – Tel 01903 745180 – email [lourdes@dabnet.org](mailto:lourdes@dabnet.org)

**St Teresa's Nursery, Prep and Senior School** is holding an open day for parents on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>. March from 10.0am to 12.30 pm. For more information please call 01372 750204 or e-mail [info@stteresas.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stteresas.surrey.sch.uk)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:**  
Christopher Payne who will be seven and Liam Thornr who will be eight on Monday.

**Next week's readings** Job Leviticus 13: 1-2.45-46  
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Mark 1: 40-45

"In Jesus the service of God and the service of the least of the brethren were one."

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

**Help!** Liz McGarvey writes, "Can anyone lend me a car for three months from 20<sup>th</sup>. February? I have to fulfil my maternity leave commitment as a Speech and Language Therapist, working in community neurology, to return to work for just three months. It involves visiting patients in their own homes so I need transport. (My husband needs our current car for work.) If you can possibly help please give me a ring on 07850 174703 to discuss further."

**Make a difference to a Chernobyl Child** The 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012 will be an inauspicious anniversary for the people of Belarus. It will be twenty six years after the nuclear accident at Chernobyl and the children of Belarus are still suffering from the after-effects. This summer, a group of 12 children from Belarus will be visiting the Epsom and Ashted area, through the charity Chernobyl Children's Lifeline, for a four-week recuperative break from 18th July – 15 August 2012. You could help improve the health of these children. We are looking for volunteers living within easy reach of Epsom and Ashted to host two children for two weeks, or to provide support to one of our hosts. To find out more, come to an information evening at 8pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at St George's Hall, Barnett Wood Lane, Ashted, Surrey KT21 2DA, and visit [www.midsurreylink.org](http://www.midsurreylink.org) or call Tessa 01372 741 228.

**CAN WE HELP?**

**Do you find yourself in need of a helping hand for whatever reason, eg. Shopping, collecting prescriptions, transport to hospital or GP? Ring one of the people below and they will help if they can.**

Caroline King 277140 #  
Maureen Andersen 272988  
# Tesco shop Thurs. 9<sup>th</sup>. February AM

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The Offertory collection for last week came to £1263.00  
This weekend there is a retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service.

**Church Cleaning** W/C 5<sup>th</sup>. February: Jan Cassar  
W/C 12<sup>th</sup>. February: Liz McLennon  
**Sunday Coffee** Today: Gill Gruzalski  
12<sup>th</sup>. February: Caroline King  
**Recorders** Today: Mary and Keith Merrett  
12<sup>th</sup>. February: Bill and Angela Archer

**You can e-mail copy for the Newsletter to [stephen.rouse@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stephen.rouse@hotmail.co.uk) to arrive by 8.30am on Friday morning**  
or phone him on 01372 818698



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